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SUBJECT: SWAZILAND'S RELATIONS WITH FRELIMO

1. DURING COURSE OF MEETING WITH SWAZI PRIME MINISTER PRINCE MAKHOSINI SEPTEMBER 4 TO DISCUSS A VARIETY OF U.N. ISSUES (REPORTED SEPTELS), AMBASSADOR REVIEWED U.S. POSITION ON PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES AND ASKED FOR HHE PRIME MINISTER'S COMMENTS ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE.

2. THE PM REPLIED THAT GOS WAS ALSO GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGUESE POSITION. "EVEN AS WE ARE TALKING," HE SAID, "NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE GOING ON BETWEEN FRELIMO AND PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES." PM SAID THAT THE KING HAD RECENTLY SENT MINISTER OF INDUSTRY SIMON NXUMALO TO EXPLAIN SWAZILAND'S POSITION TO PRESIDENTS
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KAUNDA AND NYERERE AS WELL AS TO FRELIMO LEADERS. THIS HAD

BECOME NECESSARY BECAUSE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF REFUGEES WERE ARRIVING IN SWAZILAND FROM MOZAMBIQUE SEEKING WORK AND/OR SAFETY. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DID NOT THINK THESE PEOPLE SHOULD BE RUNNING AWAY FROM INDEPENDENCE; RATHER, THEY SHOULD STAY AT HOME AND WORK FOR IT. HE RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WERE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN MOZAMBIQUE BUT SAID THAT SWAZILAND HAS NO FACILITIES TO HANDLE REFUGEES, PARTICULARLY "THOSE RUNNING AWAY FROM INDEPENDENCE." THE FRELIMO LEADERS WHOM NXUMALO HAD CONTACTED HAD AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO REASON FOR THEIR PEOPLE TO SEEK REFUGE IN SWAZILAND. THEY SHOULD EITHER STAY AT HOME AND ORGANIZE FOR INDEPENDENCE OR THEY SHOULD TRANSIT SWAZILAND EN ROUTE TO ZAMBIA TO JOIN FRELIMO'S MILITARY FORCES.

3. THE PM SAID THAT THE KING HAD INVITED THE FRELIMO LEADERS TO VISIT SWAZILAND; BUT BECAUSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS

NOW GOING ON IN LUSAKA, THEY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO SO. HOWEVER, A HIGH-LEVEL FRELIMO REP IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ABOUT THE 15TH OF SEPTEMBER TO DEVELOP CONTACTS WITH THE GOS AND WORK WITH THEM ON THE REFUGEE PROBLEM. AT PRESENT, THE PM SAID, THERE ARE ABOUT 20 "FRELIMO" REFUGEES IN SWAZILAND. HE HOPED THAT THE TRANSFER OF POWER IN MOZAMBIQUE WOULD TAKEPLACE SOON SO THAT THE EXODUS WOULD STOP. HE ALSO HOPED THAT THE TRANSFER OF POWER IN MOZAMBIQUE WOULD BE SMOOTHLY HANDLED, AS IT WAS IN KENYA, SO THAT THERE WOULD BE A MINIMUM OF DISRUPTION. IF THINGS ARE DESTROYED, THE PM CONCLUDED, IT TAKES MONEY TO REBUILD THEM, AND MOZAMBIQUE WILL NOT FIND SUCH FUNDS EASILY OBTAINABLE.
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